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Zion Chapel of Ease History Park



The proposed Zion Chapel of Ease History Park, corner of Mathews Drive and 278, is located on the site which functioned as the Town Center of Island activities in the 1700's and 1800's.

Phase I of the Zion Capital Campaign, restoration of the Baynard Mausoleum, was completed in 2018 thanks to the generous donations from the Church Mouse Thrift Shop, the American Building Restoration Company, Carol and Church Mouse I Ward Mathis and others.

Phase II fundraising for cemetery restoration and the chapel, was launched in November. This phase will include: restoration of the Kirk plot fencing, repair of the James and Mary Kirk monument, and construction of a replica of the

original Zion Chapel of Ease, a 30'x40' wooden structure built on a brick pier foundation. The original chapel was used by the plantation owners from 1788-1861. The reconstruction will be supported by the Hilton Head Area Homebuilders Association. Also included will be the installation of pathways, benches, and interpretive signage. \$400,000 is the estimated cost of this phase.

Donors will have numerous naming opportunities, a variety of recognition possibilities, and above all, the ability to make a long-term impact on the quality of life on Hilton Head Island. Donors of \$5,000 or more will receive a turned wooden bowl made from the 250+ year-old live oak tree which originally stood at the ceme-

tery entrance. You can donate in two ways: www.cf-lowcountry.org – Heritage Library Zion Fund

– or –

The Heritage Library Zion Fund P.O. Box 5950, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

Upon the completion of Phase II, Phase III and IV will follow with the plan to have the Zion Chapel of Ease History Park completed by 2026 to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War. This Park will be the only site in Beaufort County that can tell the story of the Colonial, Revolutionary War, and Antebellum eras in the Lowcountry. It will be a compelling attraction for tourists and residents before, during and after the 250th Anniversary Celebration.

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Sharing the Heritage

The Heritage Library was thrilled to receive a formal notice that our Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery had successfully been accepted on the National Register of Historic Places. It had been a goal of mine for many years to have the cemetery and the oldest extant structure, the Baynard Mauso-

leum, recognized for their importance on the National Register. Heritage Library's Ft. Mitchel has also been admitted to the official list of the National Register.

So, what exactly is the National Register you may ask. The Register is the official list of our country's historic buildings, sites, structures, and objects worthy of preservation. The National Register recognizes more than 90,000 properties for their significance in American history: architecture, art, archaeology, engineering, and culture. Listing historic properties encourages their preservation and expands the National Register database, a valuable research tool accessible to the public.

Preparing the application was very time consuming – but for me, an amazing learning experience to discover all of the secrets of the cemetery and the settlers and planters who came many years before us.

The Heritage Library President, Lou Benfante, jumped in to help me complete the application. We went to Columbia to meet with Dr. Ehren Foley in the State Historic Preservation Office at the South Carolina Department of Archives and



By Iva Roberts Welton *Board Member*

History. He was most helpful, answering questions over the following months. The application is very detailed. Some research sources were published and others were not. Above all we had the responsibility of being descriptive and also analytical about why this place is significant. We had to estab-

lish the link between this site and how it tells the larger story of the settlement/ development of Hilton Head Island. Our narrative description had to include every detail of the property, including the funerary art, the Baynard Mausoleum, and stories of many of the planters and soldiers buried there.

Hilton Head was part of St. Luke's Parish which was formed from St. Helena's Parish by an act of the South Carolina Colonial Assembly on May 23, 1767. The cemetery site was once the hub of the Island with a lovely Zion Chapel of Ease, ca. 1787, a Militia House, and just down the road, a Masonic Lodge. We encourage you to visit the cemetery site for a tour on a Friday morning at 10 am. You will be surprised. A reservation is required, heritagelib.org or call 843-686-6560.

We ask you to become a donor to help us restore this important site to the state that it deserves. We, at Heritage Library, feel privileged to share this history with you.

For online information go to: National Park Service/National Register of Historic Places/St. Luke's Parish Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery.

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History Department

he History Department has been busy adding new programs and changing some topics into two sessions instead of one. For the first time in our scheduling, we have thirteen presentations without repeating one in the schedule. Completely new is Hilton Head Island in

the Civil War. Other changes are as follows. The Role of Women has two sessions. The first ends around 1900, the second ends in 2018. And, two different presentations will be given on Native Americans. One shares the history of Native Americans around the Port



By Dee PhillipsHistory Dept. Co-Chair

Royal Sound area. The second shares the migration of Native Americans in South Carolina.

Sunday programs for the spring are: Carolinians before the English and Department of the South on the Offensive. These are new presentations. Check with

the Library for date, time and place.

The History Department Volunteers continue to be tour guides at Zion Cemetery and Ft. Mitchel. Some do the tours in costume while others have a tour guide and a costumed character from Zion Cemetery to add a first-person touch. Many volunteers continue to make presentations in the community to showcase the Heritage Library and what it offers to its members, residents, and guests visiting the Island.

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Hopefully, you have had a chance to hear some of our newer presentations or have revisited one that you previously attended. You may even have a desire to research and present a program or become a tour guide or a character from Hilton Head's past. If you do, come volunteer with the History Department. We have fun while continuing to learn.

Librarian's Corner

We are very excited about our new class schedule with some big changes. First of all, the winter Genealogy Classes and History Programs will be held at the new USCB-HH campus, 21 Office Park Road. The genealogy classes

will run from January 23 – March 20 and will be in the afternoons from 12:30pm – 2:30pm. You will check in at USCB-HH's front desk when entering and leaving the building. Remember to register online, www.heritagelib. org, by the previous day to ensure we have a space for you.

Additional exciting news is that the Heritage Library will be offering classes through the OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) in both Genealogy and History. The Genealogy Course is called "Your Ancestors are Looking for you." They will be held on Mondays and Fridays from 10:00am – 12:30pm. Several of our regular instructors and



Susan DobbsHead Librarian

some new ones will be teaching the classes. Classes will be held at USCB-HH in the OLLI classroom which is directly on your right when you enter the building.

Also, Carol Clemens, our Family Tree Maker Instructor, will be offering personalized Help Sessions on the

4th Monday of each month, starting on January 28, from 10:30 am – 12:00 noon. These are geared for previous students of her FTM classes who have additional questions or need assistance. Call the Library reception desk, 843-686-6560, to sign up for a thirty-minute slot. We also look forward to Jan Alpert, our resident DNA Specialist, to continue offering Help Sessions for former students when she is in town. Register at the front desk for a session.

The next bit of upcoming news is that the Library is sponsoring a Spanish Genealogy Workshop on Wednesday, January 9, from 9am – 3pm at the Palmetto Electric Community Room in Hardeeville. A member of the Los Floridanos Society and current VP of the Cuban Genealogical Society from Miami, Lourdes del Pino, will be the Instructor. Lunch will be provided. Attendees must have some experience in genealogy research prior to this class. You can register for this online.

The Irish Genealogy group invites those interested in researching their Irish history to attend an organization meeting on February 1st at 10 am at the Library. Call Jane Stuart, 843-263-0179 for more information – or – just show up.

The Library has added sixteen binders from the Town of Hilton Head to its collection. They include: the Town's Comprehensive Plans for several years, master Land-Use books, election results, and neighborhood initiatives from several areas. We thank Lindsey Rambow, Town Records Administrator, for preparing and sharing these binders with us.

Heritage Happenings

Reservations required. Register online at HeritageLib.org, or call 843-686-6560.

HERITAGE LIBRARY GENEALOGY CLASSES & HISTORY PROGRAMS

The winter schedules are not available at this time. In January please check our website, heritagelib.org, for this information.

OLLI (OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE) PROGRAMS -

Classes & Programs are held at USCB-Hilton Head • 21 Office Park Road



Hilton Head Island in the Civil War Monday & Wednesday 1pm-2:30pm Four Sessions: February 18, 20, 25 & 27



Native Americans
Monday 10am-11:30am
Two Sessions:
February 11 & 18



Pirates of the Lowcountry
Thursday 10am-11:30am
One Session:
February 7



Your Ancestors are Looking for You Monday & Friday 10am-12:30pm Eight Sessions: January 25, 28 February 1, 4, 8, 11, 15 & 18

BEAUFORT CLASSES -

Classes are held at Heritage Library Beaufort Branch • Santa Elena Center

Thursdays 1-2:30pm \$10 members • \$15 non-members



Genealogy 101 January 31



African-American Genealogy February 7



Autosomal DNA February 14



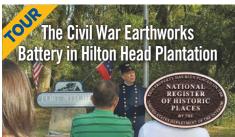
Heritage Quest February 28



Irish Genealogy March 7

TOURS







Bike, Ft. Mitchel and Zion Cemetery tours will start again early in 2019. Watch our website for tour information.

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Back Up Your Files



By Carol Clemens

ne of the genealogy newsletter/blogs I receive is the Eastman *Online Genealogy Newsletter*. The first of each month, there is always a statement, "It's the first day of the month: back up your genealogy files!" This is a great reminder not only for those who are veterans of genealogy research, but also for new folks just beginning their research. At a minimum,

files should be backed up once a month, and more frequently if you have added a lot of information.

Remember, backing up your files does **not** mean simply backing them up on your computer. Backing up means making at least three separate backups stored in different places. Remember Hurricane Matthew? Irma? Know folks who have lost things due to fire, burst pipes, computer crashes, hard drive failures and other disasters? Protect your work with multiple copies stored in multiple places. I suggest using some of the following options to safely back up your data.

If you use Mackiev Family Tree Maker (FTM) software, prior to making external backups, it is suggested that you first **compact** your tree. This is very easy, quick, and allows for better external backup copies. To compact the tree, open the tree in FTM and **click Tools in the toolbar**. From the drop down, select **Compact File**. If you have not already backed up the tree on your computer, click the first box to do so. Once the tree has been compacted, continue with an external back process below.

- 1. Back up your data on two flash drives. Store one within easy reach so that you can "grab it and go" if necessary. Store the other someplace, not on your property.
- 2. Back up on a small external hard drive...you can get an inexpensive 1TB drive for under \$50 on Amazon. A 1TB drive is far more than you need for your genealogy, so why not back up other important items on it too? You can keep it in a place to "grab and go," in a home safe, off-site, wherever you wish.
- 3. If you currently use Mackiev Family Tree Maker (FTM) 2017, you also have the option of syncing your tree on line. I highly recommend this as another backup. However, **this is not enough**. You still need to back up in at least one or two other places to be safe. Remember that sync is not available with any version of FTM prior to 2017. Also, sync does not sync the following:
 - Notes (research, fact, relationship, media)
 - · Source and relationship media
 - Saved charts and reports
 - However, these items **are** saved when you make a backup on an external source.

4. Use a cloud service such as Carbonite or similar service. For a nominal annual fee, such services will back up all the files you select. Genealogy files can also be backed up to the cloud by using Drop Box, Google Drive and others. These provide an excellent off-site storage for your files, although they may be a bit harder for some to use.

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Follow these steps to properly back up your Family Tree Maker files to a flash drive or external hard.

- 1. Insert the flash drive/external hard drive in a USB port.
- 2. With Family Tree Maker open, select and open the tree to back up. If you have more than one tree, you must back up each individually.
- 3. At the top left, click **file** and from the options, select **back up** (not export or any of the other options!)
- 4. In the box that opens, select **removable media** and from the drop down list, select the drive where the flash drive/external hard drive is located. (Or, select Custom Directory and navigate to the drive needed.)
- 5. At the bottom of the box, be sure you click all the options under the title **include in back up**. This assures that all files, data, media etc. are backed up.
- 6. Click **OK** and wait patiently. Depending on the size of the file and the speed of the USB port, it may take a while to complete. Just let it run until a box opens that says "file backup to (the drive and name will be listed here)". **Click OK**.
- 7. Once it is done, **open the flash drive/external hard drive by going to this pc** (or whatever it is called on your computer), click on the location where the external device is found and check the list to be sure it is there. Look under the column that says **file type**. FTMB.file is the **backup** copy of the tree.
- 8. If you later need to **reinstall the backup copy** of the tree, open FTM2017. Go to **file** and from the drop down, select **restore**. Navigate to the drive where the flash drive/external drive is located. **Click on the file** to restore the tree. You will be given the option to rename the tree if you want, but it is not necessary. If you have trouble restoring your tree from the external source, try first saving it to your computer and then restoring it.

When is the last time you backed up your genealogy to an external source?

Remember LOCKS: Lots Of Copies Keep Things Safe. Questions? Email Carol at *cclemens318@gmail.com*

Autosomal DNA

By Jan Alpert, Volunteer

utosomal DNA tests your 22 pairs of chromosomes, provides you with an estimate of your ethnic origins, and connects you with cousins who share DNA segments with you. Your goal is to identify the most recent common ancestor with whom you share each match. There are several autosomal DNA providers and all offer sales two or three times a year.

By the end of June 2016, more than 2 million people had tested their autosomal DNA with Ancestry (www.ancestrydna.com) increasing the likelihood that you will find previously unknown cousins. The current cost of an Ancestry DNA test is \$99.00 plus tax and shipping. Ancestry requires you to fill a vial with your saliva. If you have a tree on Ancestry and are an Ancestry subscriber, I suggest you test with Ancestry. Ancestry prioritizes your fourth cousin and closer matches and offers several tools that are built around famiy trees.

- 1. "Shared Ancestry Hints" are your matches with others who also have a tree on Ancestry and appear to share a common ancestor with you. Each match is only as accurate as the research and trees of you and your match.
- 2. You can search all your matches for specific surnames. You can also search by geographic area such as a county and state, much the same way you use the normal Ancestry search engine.
- 3. If the person you match has a tree on Ancestry, you can view their tree and all their surnames. Ancestry will emphasize any surnames you have in common. You can also check "Shared Matches" to see others who also match the same person. If you don't recognize any surnames, Ancestry also provides a mapping tool so you can see if you have ancestors who lived in the same community.
- 4. About half of all matches on Ancestry do not have trees on Ancestry that their matches can view. However, if you match someone without a tree and you use the "Shared Matches" tool, you may find another individual you both match who has a tree.
- 5. You are not provided with email addresses of your matches, but you can send them a message on Ancestry.
- 6. If you match three or more people at the same location on the same chromosome, Ancestry will create a "Circle" which is called triangulation. Members of your Circle can all work together to research your shared line further back, sometimes breaking through a brick wall.

If you do not have a tree on Ancestry, you will not be able to identify many matches. If you are worried about privacy, you can put "private" rather than the name of a living individual. You can also limit your tree to five to six generations.

Another provider of DNA testing is FamilyTreeDNA (www.familytreedna.com) FamilyTreeDNA provides Y, X (MtDNA), and autosomal testing and they provide bundled discounts if you order more than one test. Autosomal DNA is usually \$79 plus tax and shipping. The test consists of swabbing the inside of your mouth for a minute. FTDNA is a DNA testing company only, so there is no annual subscription fee.

- Not only does FTDNA have tools similar to Ancestry such as the surname search, but they also provide a chromosome browser, so you can see on which chromosome you share DNA with each match.
- 2. You can download a spreadsheet which summarizes all your matches including email addresses.
- 3. If you have first cousins who are willing to test, I recommendyouteston FamilyTreeDNA and test one first cousin on your mother's line and one first cousin on your father's line. If you load a tree and link your first cousin's DNA results on your tree, FTDNA can separate your matches into your paternal and your maternal lines.
- 4. Many of your matches may not have a tree, but they can list surnames and geographic areas where their ancestors lived.
- 5. The more serious genealogists prefer FTDNA because you are provided with more information about each match. However, to identify your most recent common ancestor you have to use the tools to analyze the date.

23andme (www.23andme.com) also provides autosomal DNA for \$99 together with health and wellness reports for \$199. However 23andme has a medical research focus rather than family history, so most genealogists prefer the other DNA testing companies.

On February 14, The Heritage Library in Beaufort will teach an Autosomal DNA class. If you have tested your autosomal DNA, call the Heritage Library or go online and register for the class.

ZION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONORS

The Heritage Library has created this capital campaign to preserve the Baynard Mausoleum and create the Zion Chapel of Ease History Park. The following donors are helping to achieve these goals.

If you wish to make a contribution, send your check marked "Zion Fund" to Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, Post Office Box 23019, Hilton Head Island, SC 29925.



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